(c) what steps have been taken by Govt. to increase value added in these exports; and

(d) whether the clauses of new import-export policy regarding invoices in dollar terms is causing considerable hardship to the gems and jewellery exports?

and (b) The target, import of raw materials and exports of gem and jewellery during tre last five years were:

(Value Rs. in crores)

Year	Target	Imports	Exports
1991-92	6500	5171·01	7193·50
1990-91	5950	3914·47	5360·24
1989-90	5500	4400·00	5479·37
1988-89	4400	3319·00	4565·28
1987-88	2606	2095·00	2652·56

(SOURCE: Gem and Jewellery EPC)

(c) Exporters of gem and jewellery are provided access to raw materials through imprest and replenishment licences which give greater incentive for higher value addition.

(d) No such hardship has been brought to the notice of Government or to the notice of the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council.

Reducing restriction on U.S. and other foreign investments in India

107. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Secretary in his discussions with US representatives during his last visit to USA had agreed to reducing of restrictions on US and other foreign investments in India and to protecting intellectual property rights; and

(b) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) During his visit to Washington from 9-11 March, 1992, the Foreign Secretary also had a meeting with the U.S. Trade Representatives. In this meeting, the Uruguay Round issues came up for discussion, especially pertaining to negotiations on Textiles and Clothing, Market Access, and Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs). The two sides agreed to maintain bilateral contacts at Geneva for further discussion on these issues. No commitment was made on India's behalf for reducing restrictions on U.S. and other foreign investments or for protecting intellectual property rights.

India's exports to hard currency areas in dollars terms

108. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total export in Dollar terms from India to hard currency areas during the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92;